

GODMANCHESTER  
Urban District Council.

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**REPORT**

UPON THE SANITARY CONDITION

OF THE

**Borough of Godmanchester**

FOR THE YEAR 1918,

BY

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TO THE  
GODMANCHESTER URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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GENTLEMEN,

I beg to hand in my Report as to the health of your Borough during the year 1918.

**Births and Deaths.**

During the year the Births of 31 children were registered, 14 males and 17 females, an average of 14·5 per 1000 persons living, of these 4 males and 1 female were illegitimate.

The population for Birthrate calculated at 2150. The Birth-rate for England and Wales being 17·7.

The deaths of 34 civilians belonging to the Borough were registered. The population for deaths being estimated at 1919, making an average of 17·7 per 1000 persons living. The Deathrate of England and Wales being 17·6.

**Infantile Mortality.**

Three deaths of Children under one year of age were registered. One from Measles, one from Congenital Debility and one from Violence.

Two of these were illegitimate. An average of 96·7 per 1000 births.

**Milk and Food Supply.**

Seven samples of Milk were sent for Analysis, all were reported to be pure.

## **Infectious and other Diseases.**

### **Measles.**

Cases of Measles were notified from 58 separate houses, this disease being very prevalent during March and April, the Infant School was closed from the 8th March till the end of April. Only two cases proved fatal.

### **Pulmonary and other forms of Tuberculosis.**

Seven cases were notified. One case proved fatal.

### **Scarlet Fever.**

Two cases were notified during the year.

### **Influenza.**

Influenza was prevalent during the whole year but in July it assumed an epidemic nature.

The Schools were closed. The outbreak gradually subsided but broke out again in November with renewed intensity. Four deaths occurred during November. The disease attacked the industrial classes and children mainly, it gradually subsided by the end of the year.

### **Isolation of Disease.**

Up to the present time no provision has been made for the Isolation of Infectious Diseases, but I hope soon some arrangement may be made for that purpose.

I have the honour to remain, Gentlemen

Your faithful Servant,

HERBERT LUCAS,

*Medical Officer of Health,  
Godmanchester Urban District Council.*

HUNTINGDON,

*May 24th, 1919.*

### Sanitary Inspector's Report.

Owing to the lamented death of Mr. Mayfield our worthy and respected Sanitary Inspector, I am unable to furnish any particulars.

#### Ten Years Fatal Cases of :

Year.	Cancer.	Phthisis and Tubercular Disease.
1909	3	2
1910	2	1
1911	1	2
1912	0	0
1913	2	5
1914	5	3
1915	5	5
1916	3	2
1917	4	5
1918	2	1
	27	26

